

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-10 (canceled)

Claim 11 (currently amended): A method for storing search features of an image sequence, said method comprising the steps of:

~~providing that said image sequence include predetermined individual objects that are respectively coded according to one of an MPEG standard and an ITU standard, said individual objects being at least one of audio objects and video objects;~~

determining an image scene of said image sequence via MPEG intra-image, wherein the intra-image initiates the image scene;

determining said search features for an image scene of from said image sequence; and
prefixing the search features for an image scene to said intra-image; and
storing said prefixes as an accessible list.

~~storing said features together with said image sequence wherein separate search feature sets are provided for each individual object.~~

Claim 12 (previously presented): The method as claimed in claim 11, wherein said search features are at least one of audio data and video data of said image sequence.

Claim 13 (previously presented): The method as claimed in claim 11, wherein said search features comprise a reference to an image within said image sequence for assisting in accessing said image within said image sequence.

Claim 14 (previously presented): The method as claimed in claim 11, wherein said search features are stored as a prefix to said image sequence.

Claim 15 (previously presented): The method as claimed in claim 11, wherein said search features are stored appended to said image sequence.

Claim 16 (previously presented): The method as claimed in claim 11, wherein said search features are stored in said image sequence.

Claim 17 (canceled):

Claim 18 (currently amended): The method as claimed in claim ~~17~~11, wherein each image scene of said image sequence is stored in a database.

Claim 19 (previously presented): The method as claimed in claim 11, wherein separate search features for several objects that are contained in said image sequence according to image coding standards are respectively stored together with said image sequence.

Claim 20 (previously presented): The method as claimed in claim 11, wherein said search features can be unambiguously identified by a predeterminable start code.